HAMATEUR CHATTER

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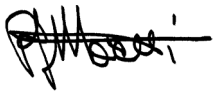
President's Letter

Field Day is something different to many people... for some it is an occasion to welcome Summer with a large group of friends. Picture your extended family sharing a weekend together doing something that you all enjoy and appreciate doing together. Let's face it while we are making contacts outside of our shacks most of the time... we usually operate alone - sheltered from the company of others except through the "ether". These folks make the best of the social aspect of a ham radio picnic/ camping outing.

For other folks, Field Day is another day of hard core contesting - it may be the only contest they participate in or it may be just one on a long string of yearly contests. Those folks have just as much fun as the social get-together-and-operate group described above. They hone their operating skills as well as their communication skills. They display good organizational practices and planning and scheduling and... covering all those things that need to be done. Their joy is in the contacts per minute rate and the totals for the occasion.

For the MRAC, Field Day is more of a social event. It is after all our Club Picnic! Over the years we have developed an operating style, a set-up method, a favorite location... we are comfortable with what we are doing. That is a great position to be in! All I can say is to come be comfortable with us - come play radio and maybe share in our successes as well as our hamburgers and sodas and chips. A good time is to be had by all. I will look for you on the green by the station!

73,



Patrick
W9UQ

Our Field Day site at Pioneer Village. Photo by Harold Dobberpuhl

Field Day this year will begin with setup at around 8:00 a.m., Sat. June 25th and will wind up at 4:00 p.m. Sun, June 26th.
Our Field Day site is 10 miles north of Cedarburg on Hwy I at Pioneer Village.

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Nets Heard in the Milwaukee Area

DAY	TIME	MHz	ACTIVITY
Daily	6-8:00 AM	14.2900	Milwaukee / Florida (SSB)
Daily	7:30 AM	144.1550	Breakfast RoundTable (SSB)
Daily	9:30 PM	3.9725	Country Cousins Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.8650-	ARES Net (Walworth and ARRL news)
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.4450	Emergency Net
Mon.	8:45 PM	146.6700-	ARRL voice news (ARES)
Mon.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB NET
Mon.	9:00 PM	147.1650+	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
Tue.	9:00 AM	50.1600	6 m. 2nd Shifters' SSB Net
Tue.	8:00 PM	144.2500	Badger Contesters (SSB)
Tue.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net.
Wed.	8:00 PM	145.1300	ARRL voice news
Wed.	8:00 PM	147.2700+	Weather & Swap net
Thu.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net
Thu.	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Computer Net
Fri	**8:30 PM**	**28.4900**	**MRAC W9RH 10 m. Net (SSB)**
Fri.	**9:00 PM**	**145.3900-**	**W9RH 2 m. FM Net after 10 mtr. net**
Sat	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Saturday Night Fun Net
Sun.	8:30 AM	3.9850	QCWA (Chptr 55) (SSB)
Sun.	9:00 AM	145.5650	X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Sun.	10:00 AM	443.8000+	FM-38 link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAPnet
Sun.	8:00 PM	146.9100-	Information Net
Sun.	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Swap Net

2 meter repeaters are offset by 600 KHz - - 70 centimeter repeaters are offset by 5 MHz
SSB frequencies below 20 meters are LSB and for 20 mtrs and above are USB

Be a part of the action -- Volunteer!!

HAMATEURCHATTER

HamateurChatter is the newsletter of MRAC (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club), a not for profit organization for the advancement of amateur radio and the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

MRAC Membership dues are $17.00 per year and run on a calendar year starting January 1.

MRAC general membership meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. the last Thursday of the month except for November (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving) and December, when we have our Christmas Dinner.

Meetings are held at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Credits

Our thanks to our news contributors this month:

AB9CD AB9EK W9UQ
WA9CGE KF9XL

Our thanks goes to:

Rita Doneis, Tom Fuszard, Hal Newton, and Howard Parks for proofreading the 'Chatter this month.

Dick Wood for mailing the hard copy of the 'Chatter.

Joe Schwarz, who Emails the 'Chatter.

Howard Parks, who administers our Web Site.

Ted Stiller for obtaining and serving refreshments at our meetings.

Tom Sherlowsky and Jacquie Horwitz for taking care of the raffle at the meetings.

Mark Tellier, Tom Czaja, John Kraak and Tom Fuszard who manage our VEC.

Thank YOU!

VEC Report

MRAC VEC held VE testing on May 28, 2005 at AES. There were 11 examinees, and 7 were successful in either upgrading or in qualifying for their initial license. Thirteen Elements were administered, and nine were passed. Thanks to the following VEs who attended the session on the holiday weekend:

Mark Bye----------KB9LDX
Gabe Chido ----------WI9GC
Les Hundt----------AB9EY
Bob Immekus -------W9CYI
John Kraak ----------KF9XL
Hal Newton ---------KB9OZN
Sherm Swanson----KB9Q
Mark Tellier ---------AB9CD
Ron Yokes ----------W9BCK

Our next regularly scheduled VE session will take place on Saturday, July 30, 2005 at 9:30 a. m. at AES.

73,

John (KF9XL)

John,
KF9XL

General Membership Meeting 5/26/05

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p. m. by presiding officer Tom, AB9EK.

An announcement that there would be no PA system for the meeting was made.

Introductions were skipped due to the lack of the PA system.

Treasurer's Report

Tom read the treasurer's report. A motion was asked for to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Secretary's Report

Due to the length of the secretary's report and the fact the report was in the 'Chatter, a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed in the 'Chatter was called for. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Old Business

Field Day - Jerry, WA9CGE, the Field Day Chairman gave a brief talk on some changes to the rules and how to fill out the log. The MRAC area will be marked by yellow tape and we are to stay within the marked area. Outside of the area we individuals will be subject to the admission charge to the site. Jerry also gave directions to Pioneer Village and stated that the club picnic would be on the same day.

VEC - John, KF9XL, gave a brief talk on upcoming testing Saturday, May 28 at AES.

Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, has retired/resigned from the ARRL VEC and will be relocating back to Wisconsin. He has bought a farm near Wautoma.

A call for additional old business was made. There was no further old business.

New Business

Mark, AB9CD, talked about the need for a replacement controller for the repeater. Mark explained that he represented the repeater committee at the MRAC board meeting on Monday. Mark further explained that the board had authorized a maximum expenditure of $600. It was further explained the repeater committee would seek approval of the membership before proceeding. After questions concerning the repeater fund, and what actions have already been taken, it was explained that there are sufficient funds in the repeater fund to seek an S-Comm 7K controller that comes recommended by Dave Karr, KA9FUR. Dave is very familiar with the controller and is willing to check it out.

A motion to pursue the locating of an S-Comm 7k repeater controller with features as described to the membership with a total expenditure not to exceed $600 was called for. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed without objection.

A call for any additional new business was made. There was no further new business.

Elections

Tom identified the three directors' positions that are expiring: Jerry, WA9CGE, Dick, W9JBE and Pancho, KA9OFA. Tom continued by announcing that all three would seek re-election.

A call for any additional nominations was made twice. There were no additional nominations forthcoming.

A motion was called for to close nominations. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed without objection.

A motion was made to accept the three candidates as directors. The motion passed without objection.

Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was called for. The motion was made and seconded. The vote to adjourn the meeting was taken by voice vote. The motion passed without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian K9LCQ

Brian, K9LCQ
Secretary MRAC

Exam Schedule

Sat., July 30, 2005
9:30 a.m. @ AES
AES is Amateur Electronic Supply
5710 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

FIELD DAY - W9RH JUNE 25 & 26, 2005

QUESTIONS? - QUESTIONS? - QUESTIONS?

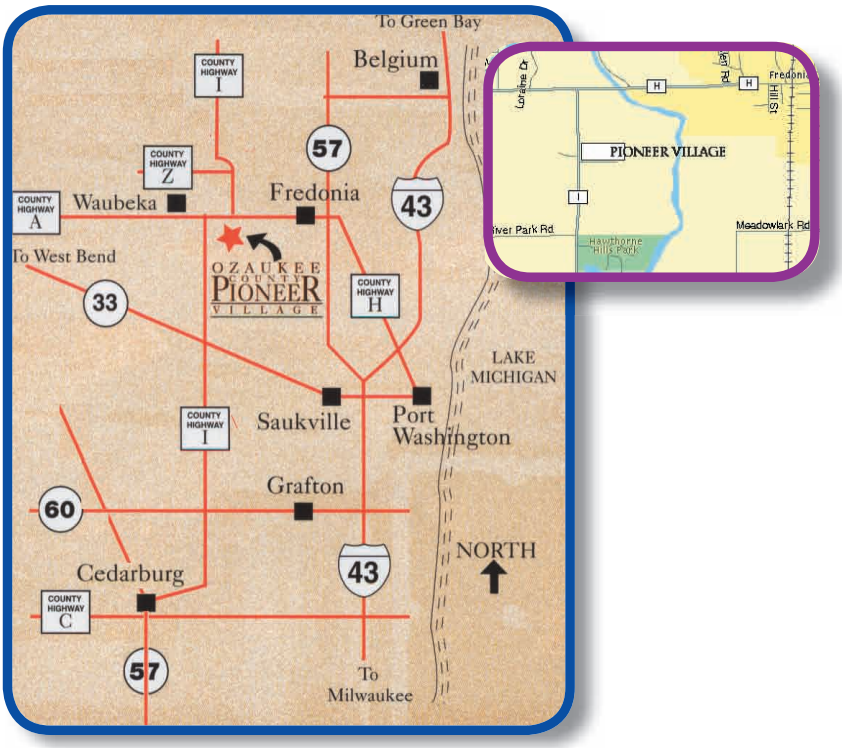
- Have YOU ever setup a HAM station, antennas, or operating positions?
- Have YOU ever operated a HAM station on the HF and VHF/UHF frequencies?
- Have YOU ever been to the MRAC summer picnic?
- Have YOU ever operated, or wanted to operate, your own equipment on Field Day?
- Have YOU ever operated (or tried to operate) in a contest?

If your answer is YES or NO to any of the above, why don't you take some time and come to the MRAC Field day operation at Pioneer Village in Ozaukee County?

We will **start** setting up antennas, etc., on **Saturday, June 25, at 8:00 a. m.** and continue through to Sunday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. Those who participate or assist us on Saturday are welcome to join us for lunch that afternoon.

Jerry, WA9CGE

Basically, you can take County **Hwy I** north from Cedarburg approximately 10 miles to Pioneer Village.



DEADLINE

The **deadline** for items to be published in **HamateurChatter** is the 7th day of each month. If you have anything (announcements, stories, articles, photos, projects) for the 'Chatter, please get it to me before then.

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HAM RADIO CLASSES

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (MRAC), offers free Technician License Classes. The classes will be held at Amateur Electronic Supply, 5710 W. Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee. Next class is tentatively planned for September. The text for the class is ARRL's *Now You're Talking* and the club will have copies to loan to anyone who doesn't have their own copy. Interested parties should send name and contact information (address, phone, email) to AB9FH at: h.parks@tds.net or write to:

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Look for further information in upcoming issues of the'Chatter.

REMINDERS!

Please check in to our nets on Friday evenings.

Our ten meter SSB net is at **8:30 p.m.** at **28.490 MHz. USB.**

Our two meter FM net follows at 9:00 p.m. on our repeater at **145.390 MHz** with a minus offset and a **PL of 127.3 Hz.**

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast at Maxim's Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Dr. We usually meet at around 8:00 a.m., and order around 8:15 a.m.

EVENTS

WCARC SwapFest
Sun. - Jun. 12, 2005
Wabash Co. 4-H Fairgrounds
Wabash, IN
T/I on 147.03/147.63 rptr.

MRAC's Field Day
Sat. & Sun. - Jun. 25 & 26, 2005
Pioneer Village
Cedarburg, WI

MRAC General Meeting
Thu. - Jun. 30, 2005
Redemption Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, WI

SMARC SwapFest
Sat. - Jul. 9, 2005
American Legion Post 434
Oak Creek, WI

Circus City SwapFest *
Sat. - Aug. 13, 2005
Sauk Co. Fargrounds
Baraboo, WI
T/I on 147.315+ repeater w/ 123.0PL

Radio Expo 2005
Sat. & Sun. -Sep. 17 & 18, 2005
Lake Co. Fairgrounds
Grayslake IL

Peoria Superfest *
Fri.- Sun. - Sep. 16, 17, 18, 2005
Exposition Gardens Fairgrounds
Peoria, IL

* indicates
VE testing is available.

Field Day

Field Day is an opportunity to see amateur radio in action and to have a chance to get "on-the-air". On the weekend of June 25th and 26th, local residents will have the chance to meet and talk with amateur (or 'ham') radio operators and experience for themselves what the amateur radio service is all about. The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club will hold a demonstration of emergency communication abilities as a part of an annual Field Day event on the grounds of the Ozaukee County Historical Society's Pioneer Village from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 25th to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 26th.

The annual Field Day event is held on the fourth full weekend of June as the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national Association of Amateur Radio. The purpose of the event is to practice and prove hams are able to send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, the Internet or any other infrastructure that might be compromised in a crisis. Each year, ham radio operators set up communications at remote locations using power sources that vary between solar power, batteries, generators and commercial power. These 'field' operations take place in locations that range from parks to shopping malls. Hams in the US, Canada and South America participate.

Tom, AB9EK. at the helm of his ATV station at Field Day 2004

The setting for the MRAC Field Day is the historic train depot at Pioneer Village. The history of the railroad and the telegraph makes this location a perfect setting for this event.

Visitors are welcome to come and try amateur radio for themselves. MRAC will sponsor a G.O.T.A. (Get On The Air) station where anyone, children included, may participate by getting on the air under the guidance of a licensed ham. Visitors will be able to see different methods of communication, the different radios and antennas hams use, and learn about the varied activities that make up amateur radio. This really is a perfect opportunity to get a taste of amateur radio.

Please come and visit

and maybe even operate!

Gerald Wahlen, WA9CGE

The **next Meeting** of **M.R.A.C.**
will be **Thursday, June 30, 2005**
at **7:00 PM** at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
(Use the south entrance)
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Please, DON'T call the church.

2005 Field Day
Sat., June 25 and
Sun., June 26.

Then at the General meeting on June 30, we'll review our Field Day activities and accomplishments.

Our Repeater:

145.390 MHz - offset with
PL of 127.3 Hz

Use it or lose it.

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